

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held in the Mountain View Room of the Education Services Centre at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

PRESENT: K. Mann, Chair
L. Munro, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
C. Sacré
M. Tasi Baker
G. Tsiakos

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh) Nation.

A.1. Chair Mann's opening remarks

Chair Mann began by sharing her thoughts and gratitude on a wonderful celebration for the new Handsworth Secondary School. Congratulations was provided to the new CUPE Local 389 president and thanks was provided to the outgoing president. Chair Mann extended a welcome to Sylvia Russell, Acting Superintendent, and thanked Superintendent Mark Pearmain for making the North Vancouver School District a world class learning community.

Chair Mann acknowledged Nutrition Month, Music Therapy Awareness Month, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, International Women's Day, World Down Syndrome Day, and International Transgender Day of Visibility, all which are occurring in the month of March.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Munro

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A.3. Education Week: Trustee Reception Video

Chair Mann introduced this agenda item sharing that each year, the North Vancouver Board of Education takes time to reflect and acknowledge the countless number of people and organizations who contribute to the North Vancouver School District being a great place to learn, share, and grow.

A short video was shared to acknowledge the support the school district has received this past year from teachers and staff; families and parent advisory councils; education partner groups; Indigenous rights holders, Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tseil-Waututh Nation; provincial and municipal leaders and staff; business owners and external organizations; community members at large; and, students.

A.4. Public Comment Period

The twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.5. Stakeholder Comment Period

As per the motion passed on May 26, 2020, the Board of Education provided a twenty minute stakeholder comment period to allow stakeholders to speak to items on the Board of Education Agenda.

Katrina Russell, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs), asked questions regarding the following topics: schools are over capacity, when considering new builds is there potential to make them larger projects?; calendar timetables, do all schools have to have a semester system?; and, mental health and wellbeing, is there the possibility to add more counselling time to schools?

Moe Zhang, executive member of the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCL), provided an update on behalf of the DSLCL. There is excitement with students for the opportunity to start meeting in-person as creating networks, communication and connections are harder to establish in a virtual and online platform. Thanks was provided to the Board of Education for meeting with the executive team on March 1, 2022. Special thanks was provided to Superintendent Pearmain for his support and always being accessible and valuing student voice.

A.6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by C. Sacré

that the minutes of the public meeting of February 15, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.1. Proposed 2022/23 School Calendar for Board Approval

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided the Board of Education with an update on the work that has been completed with the proposed school calendar for the 2022/23 school year. The proposed 2022/23 calendar was developed by the School District's School Calendar Committee and was published on the School District website on February 1, 2022. Notification of a one-month public comment period was provided to staff and parents of students. Highlights were provided on the comments received.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Atkinson clarified questions surrounding linear vs semester schools.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2022/23 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of March 8, 2022.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.1. Policy 213: School Completion Certificate – Administrative Procedures Update

Janis Mann, District Vice Principal, Inclusive Education, presented final draft changes to *Policy 213: School Completion Certificate* to the Board of Education.

C.2. Notice of Motion – New Policy on Ableism

Trustee Cyndi Gerlach introduced this agenda item regarding a new policy on ableism. Trustee Gerlach noted that a policy on ableism fits within the Strategic Plan, will support trauma informed practice and will continue to help break down stigma around mental health, disability and racism.

Clarification on the proposed timeline and the scope of the motion was discussed. It is important to the Board of Education to ensure that enough time is provided to address this policy in a throughout and respectful manner.

C.2. Notice of Motion – New Policy on Ableism (continued)

The motion regarding a New Policy on Ableism will be on a future agenda in the action items for a formal vote from Trustees.

C.3. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects and the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Updates on the Cheakamus Centre's Environmental Learning Centre, Lynn Valley Elementary addition and the status of the new Cloverley Elementary School were also provided. Superintendent Pearmain responded to comments regarding capacity of new school builds.

C.4. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain started by providing an update on COVID-19 noting that test kits continue to arrive at school for students. Special thanks was provided to staff, students and families for continued support when following the Provincial Health guidelines. Superintendent Pearmain shared highlights from his visits from schools.

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the status of motions that have been passed at Public Board Meetings.

Concluding the Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Pearmain, on his last update, expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Board of Education for the opportunity to lead the North Vancouver School District. Superintendent Pearmain shared the honour he felt serving the community and working with extraordinary people.

C.5. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker shared that the BCSTA AGM is being held on April 21-24, 2022 and motions would be shared with Trustees in the coming weeks.

There was no update on BCPSEA.

C.6. Trustees' Reports

Trustees submitted their reports on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - In Camera Meetings
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - Sustainability Committee Meeting
 - Indigenous Education Council Meeting
 - Various School Meetings
 - Various PAC Meetings
 - Meeting with Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation – Continuing Conversation
 - Board Chairs Meeting with Minister Whiteside
 - BCSTA Metro AGM and General Meeting
 - BCPSEA Board Chair and Trustee Representative Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - Meeting with NVREC Commission Chair
 - Meeting with District Student Leadership Council Sponsor
 - Meeting with Presentation House Theatre

C.6. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Board of Education Official School Opening of Ecole Handsworth Secondary
 - Board of Education Meeting with District Student Leadership Council
 - Board of Education Meeting with North Vancouver Recreation Culture Commission
 - NVSD 25 Year Service Employee Recognition Event
 - Board of Education Governance Training Session
 - West Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council Education Event: Dr. Yong Zhao
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Society AGM Meeting and Presentation
 - HUB Cycling – 9th Annual Bike Virtual Awards Ceremony

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver

E. Public Question & Comment Period

The Chair called for questions and/or comments from the public noting that in accordance with Board policy, questions relating to personnel, negotiations or litigation must not be dealt with in a public session.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

April 12, 2022

Date

Original signed by K. Mann

Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education

April 12, 2022

Date